May 2011

Dear Graduate:

On this the happiest and most important day of your academic career, you are also making history, because you are a member of the first graduating class to earn a diploma from the newest Tier One university in Texas – one of only 109 institutions thus classified nationwide.

An added value to your degree is the recent inclusion of the University of Houston in The Princeton Review’s “Best 376 Colleges: 2012 Edition,” which places UH in the top 8 percent of all 4,700 colleges and universities in America!

As we reflect on this achievement, always remember that the University of Houston is a very special place. It is the place that welcomed you, helped you grow intellectually and encouraged you on your journey. It is the place that, thanks to our incredible diversity, has provided you with the experiences to work, feel at home and succeed anywhere in the world. And it is the place where your dreams of a top-tier college education have become a reality with the support and guidance of your parents, families, friends, and professors.

As you leave here today – proud alumni of the nationally ranked University of Houston – you will do so in the knowledge that you are a member of the best prepared, best educated, and best equipped class this university has ever produced. You will carry with you the knowledge your professors have shared with you, the wisdom you have gained as you matured, and the personal experiences and friendships that will last you a lifetime.

With warmest regards and best wishes,

Renu Khator

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Renu Khator
UH President

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Carroll Robertson Ray (9 a.m. & 2 p.m. ceremonies, May 13)
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Welcome W. Wilson Sr. (9 a.m. ceremony, May 14)
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Jim P. Wise (6 p.m. ceremony, May 13)
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INDUCTION INTO THE UH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Michael Pede
President & CEO of UH Alumni Association

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Dr. Richard Wainerdi (9 a.m., May 13)
Dr. Bernard Harris (2 p.m., May 13)
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Members of the University Men's Chorus

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Event music provided by Moores School of Music Brass Quintet (director David Bertman, conductor)
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON

The University of Houston, Texas’ premier public metropolitan research and teaching institution, is home to more than 40 research centers and institutes and sponsors more than 300 partnerships with corporate, civic and governmental agencies. UH stands at the forefront of education, research and service. The largest and most comprehensive component of the University of Houston System, UH offers a full range of undergraduate, graduate, doctoral and special professional degrees. UH public service and community activities, such as cultural offerings, clinical services, policy studies and small-business initiatives, serve a diverse metropolitan population. Likewise, the resources of the Gulf Coast region complement and enrich the university's academic programs, providing students with professional expertise, practical experience and career opportunities. UH has awarded more than 230,000 degrees, and approximately 75 percent of our alumni remain in the Houston area.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON SYSTEM

The University of Houston System is the state's only metropolitan higher education system, encompassing four universities, two multi-institution teaching centers and the largest university distance learning program in Texas. With more than 54,000 students and 3,000 faculty, it is the largest metropolitan public system of higher education in Texas. The UH System universities include the University of Houston, a nationally recognized doctoral degree-granting, comprehensive research university; the University of Houston-Downtown, a four-year undergraduate university beginning limited expansion into graduate programs; and the University of Houston-Clear Lake and the University of Houston-Victoria, both upper-division and master's-level institutions. The UH System brings the resources of its four universities in partnership with area community colleges to offer bachelor's and master's degrees at the UH System at Cinco Ranch and UH System at Sugar Land teaching centers.
ACADEMIC REGALIA

Academic costume of today has a history of nearly eight centuries. In medieval Europe, all townspeople wore long flowing robes and gowns. The materials and colors used were governed by royal decree. Gradually, distinctive gowns were developed for the various professions, trades and guilds. Scholars wore robes and hoods to protect their shaved heads. Later, skull caps were worn on the head and the hood became a cape that could be pulled over the head during unpleasant weather. As additional universities were founded, distinctive forms of the gown and hood were adapted by their faculties for bachelors (apprentices of arts), masters (teachers) and doctors (teachers who had completed postgraduate studies). When caps and hats came into fashion in the 15th century, the hoods became ornamental, draped over the shoulders and down the back. The academic hat was first worn as a symbol of the master’s degree and existed in various forms. The mortarboard style comes to us from Oxford University. When academic costumes came to America in 1754, styles were quite varied. In Europe they still are; however, in our country, usage has been standardized by the Intercollegiate Code of Academic Costume.

GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Violet

Master’s Degree
Hood: Violet
Tassel: Black

C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Dark Blue

Master’s Degree
Hood: Drab
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Light Blue

Master’s Degree
Hood: Light Blue
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood (Ed.D.): Light Blue
Hood (Ph.D.): Dark Blue
Tassel: Red

CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Orange

Master’s Degree
Hood: Orange
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Navy

Master’s Degree
Hood: Navy, Red and White
Tassel: Black

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Citron

Master’s Degree
Hood: Citron
Hood (Music only): Pink
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Dark Blue
Hood (Music only): Pink
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Golden Yellow

Master’s Degree
Hood: Golden Yellow
Tassel: Black

Doctoral Degree
Hood: Dark Blue
Tassel: Red

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Bachelor’s Degree
Tassel: Maroon

Master’s Degree
Hood: Maroon
Tassel: Black

HISTORY & TRADITION
CEREMONIAL SYMBOLS

THE SEAL
Throughout history, seals have been used to authenticate official documents. The University of Houston's and UH System's seals bear the Official Seal of Arms of General Sam Houston, as handed down to him from noble ancestors. It includes the escutcheon in the center of the seal—consisting of checkered chevrons denoting nobility and three martlets, gentle lowland birds that symbolize peace and deliverance. A winged hourglass is above the shield. Surmounting this is the motto “In Tempore” (In Time). The greyhounds indicate speed in giving aid. The UH seal was adopted in 1938 in conjunction with the establishment of the present campus. The first official version was etched into the floor of the Roy G. Cullen Building.

UNIVERSITY MACE
The Mace, which is carried in academic processions, is a staff symbolizing the university's authority and unity. The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a university president's symbol of authority.

THE ALMA MATER
All hail to thee,
Our Houston University.
Our hearts fill with gladness
When we think of thee.
We'll always adore thee
Dear old varsity.
And to thy memory cherished,
True we'll ever be.

Words and music by Harmony Class of 1942
THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION

The University of Houston President’s Medallion was established in 2005 with the support of the UH Faculty Senate. It is awarded at the sole discretion of the president of the university to individuals who have distinguished themselves by their contributions to the University of Houston. This is the highest honor to be bestowed on students, faculty, staff, and friends who have graced the UH community, either through their presence as inspirational guests or as long-term supporters of the university’s mission.

The front of the President’s Medallion features the sculpted seal of the University of Houston. The ribbon attached to the medal carries the official UH colors — scarlet red and albino white. Scarlet red stands for courage and inner strength to face the unknown. Albino white represents the good of helping one’s fellow man.

These are honored recipients of the University of Houston President’s Medallion:

RICHARD E. WAINERDI
President and Chief Executive Officer
Texas Medical Center

The University of Houston is awarding a President’s Medallion to Dr. Richard Wainerdi for his exceptional contributions in the medical field and for fostering collaborative initiatives that ultimately resulted in the University of Houston becoming a member of the Texas Medical Center.

Wainerdi was elected president and chief executive officer of the Texas Medical Center in 1984 after his retirement from Gulf Oil Corporation. He spent 20 years with Texas A&M University in both scientific and academic affairs from 1957 to 1977. He founded Texas A&M University’s Nuclear Science Center, the Activation Analysis Research Laboratory, the German Synfuels Technology Retrieval Program, the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources and a number of other programs, including the university’s College of Medicine.

Dr. Wainerdi is an adjunct professor of molecular physiology and biophysics, in the Department of Physical medicine and rehabilitation; and in the Department of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. He also is an adjunct professor of restorative dentistry and biomaterials in the Dental Branch, a clinical professor in the School of Nursing and an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Texas Houston Health Science Center. He is an adjunct professor of engineering, held jointly with the engineering program of Texas A&M University and The Institute of Biosciences and Technology. Wainerdi is a member of The University Cancer Foundation’s Board of Visitors of The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center as well.

During his tenure at the Texas Medical Center, the campus increased dramatically by almost any measurement, including the number of acres, patient count, employees and the amount of funds awarded in research grants to the member institutions. His leadership has been one of successful coordination and collaboration for a 49-member institution campus.
D. Ronald (Ron) Harrell, PE.

D. Ronald “Ron” Harrell is being awarded a President’s Medallion for his continued support and contributions to the University of Houston as both a generous donor and found member and current chair of the UH Petroleum Engineering Advisory Board. His contributions are especially appreciated because he is not a University of Houston alumus, but is very much a valued friend and leader.

Harrell, a petroleum engineering (magna cum laude) graduate of Louisiana Tech University, maintained a consulting practice more than 40 years and continues as chairman emeritus of Ryder Scott Company Petroleum Consultants. He relinquished the CEO position in 2005 and retired as chairman in May 2006. He served as a Society of Petroleum Engineers lecturer in 2007-2008 and made 34 presentations in 17 countries. He is a licensed petroleum engineer in three states, has received numerous industry and academic awards and is an honorary life member of SPE and SPEE.

Harrell continues to lead in establishing Professional Petroleum Reserves Evaluation Standards through industry committees, conferences and frequent speaking engagements. He has authored dozens of technical papers, articles and book chapters and he remains active in the industry in several capacities and serves on several boards of directors, including public and private corporations, universities and other not-for-profit organizations.

Bernard A. Harris Jr., MD, MBA, FACP

Chief Executive Officer and Managing Partner

Vesalius Ventures

Dr. Bernard Harris is being awarded a President's Medallion for his contributions as a distinguished UH alumnus, former astronaut, the first African American to walk in space, a pioneer in modern medicine and as the current CEO and managing partner of Vesalius Ventures, Inc., a venture capital firm that invest in early to mid stage healthcare technologies and companies. Harris also has served on numerous UH advisory boards, including the College of Technology advisory board, and President’s National Advisory Board among others.

Prior to his work with Vesalius Ventures, Harris was at NASA for 10 years, where he conducted research in musculoskeletal physiology and disuse osteoporosis. Later, as head of the Exercise Countermeasure Project, he conducted clinical investigations of space adaptation and developed in-flight medical devices to extend astronaut stays in space, which involved the use of telemetry. A veteran astronaut for more than fifteen years, he has logged over 438 hours and traveled over 7.2 million miles in space.

Harris served as vice president and chief scientist of SPACEHAB, Inc., an innovative space commercialization company, and later served as vice president of business development for Space Media, Inc., an Informatics company, establishing an e-commerce initiative. He also is on a number of boards and is an active consultant for institutions such as the Houston Angel Network, Houston Technology Center and the NASA Aerospace Safety Panel. Harris is the founder and president of the Harris Foundation, which supports math and science education and crime prevention programs for America’s youth.

He earned a Bachelor of Science in biology from the University of Houston, a Master of Medical Science from The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, a Master of Business Administration from the University of Houston and a Doctorate of Medicine from Texas Tech University School of Medicine. He is the recipient of numerous awards and honorary doctorates, including the NASA Space Flight Medal, NASA Award of Merit and the 2000 Horatio Alger Award.

THE UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON PRESIDENT’S MEDALLION
HONORARY DEGREES

An honorary degree, or a degree honoris causa (Latin: ‘for the sake of the honour’), is an academic degree that the University of Houston confers as a way of honoring a distinguished visitor’s contributions to a specific field or to society in general.

WALTER KASE

Walter Kase is being recognized by the University of Houston for his unfaltering contributions to his community as he speaks out against discrimination, using his own heart-rending personal history to set an example of bravery, survival and healing. His story has impressed the transformative values of respect and tolerance to younger and older generations alike.

Kase is a Holocaust survivor who spends much of his time speaking to students, businesses and organizations about the harrowing experiences he suffered under Nazi tyranny. Born in Poland in 1930, Kase and his family were swept up in the events of the Holocaust in 1939, when they were given 15 minutes to leave their home and move into the Lodz ghetto. During the war, he endured forced labor camps and five concentration camps including Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen. By the end of the war, Kase, then 15 years old, weighed only 64 pounds and suffered tuberculosis and a myriad of other ailments. He shares, “I saw my little sister shot before my eyes... I live the Holocaust just about every day of my life because I speak about it in schools.”

Some would say that Walter Kase has reason to be angry and filled with hate towards others. Instead, he transformed the most horrific experience known to the world into a powerful, personal story that greatly impacts the lives of those he meets. On numerous occasions, Kase has met with University of Houston students, faculty and staff, most notably in the Graduate College of Social Work.

In January 2006, H Texas Magazine identified him as one of Houston’s 25 most significant “Leaders and Legends.” The Anti Defamation League established The Walter Kase Teacher Excellence Award to honor teachers each year “who help create an ethic and atmosphere inside their schools that rejects prejudice, questions stereotype, and promotes diversity and confronts hate in all of its forms.”
HONORARY DEGREES

KENNETH PARR
For his success as a UH alumnus, an inventor, an entrepreneur and for his contributions to the nation's space program, Mr. Kenneth Parr is hereby awarded an honorary degree from the University of Houston.

Many of Mr. Parr’s successes came during his time with ESCO, initially a distributor of mechanical seal products for the oil and gas industry. Mr. Parr helped grow ESCO to a 139-person operation with a full service machine shop. At ESCO and later with his own company, Mr. Parr personally designed and built many of the products that included cardiopulmonary equipment for a medical devices, a tool used to inspect oil pipelines, and a photography system to quickly record courthouse documents.

The highest profile client Mr. Parr worked with was NASA. Through these efforts, he played a role in some of the biggest moments in human history by building the flagpole planted into the surface of the moon during the Apollo 11 mission, leading projects involving the Lunar Rover and splashdown capsules, as well as components of spacesuits used on multiple missions.

During the course of his work with the space program, Mr. Parr saved Skylab, the United States’ first space station. During its launch in 1973, a portion of the station’s sunshade/meteorite shield was damaged. Once in orbit, temperatures inside the station spiked, making it uninhabitable and threatening to cause the release of toxic gasses that would render make the multi-billion dollar station useless. In a matter of days, Mr. Parr and his team devised a sunshade/meteorite shield designed to be inserted through the hole in the damaged meteorite shield and then opened to lock in place permanently.

In 1982, Mr. Parr opened his own machine shop, which would go on to build everything from research and development prototypes for a major petroleum company to medical implants. At the same time, he formed what would grow to become a highly successful private lending business. He is now living in semi-retirement in Richmond, Texas.

HERMAN D. SUIT, M.D., D.PHIL [OXON]
Dr. Herman D. Suit was unanimously approved to receive the Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa, from the University of Houston for his groundbreaking work in radiation oncology, for his many acts of philanthropy and public service, and for his longtime support of the University of Houston and the UH College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

Suit currently serves on the NSM Dean's Advisory Board and is among the college’s top alumni donors. In addition to establishing a charitable annuity for endowed faculty support, Suit and his wife, Joan, provide annual support for a postdoctorate fellow in the Department of Chemistry and enjoys meeting with UH alumni, faculty and donors during his visits to campus.

He was born in Houston in 1929. He received a B.Sc. in biology from the University of Houston and later a M.Sc. of biochemistry and M.D. in medicine from Baylor University Graduate School of Medicine. He completed his specialty training and research degree, a D.Phil. in radiation biology from Oxford University.

Suit followed his educational journey with two years at the National Cancer Institute and 11 years at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. During his time there, he developed a procedure of limb salvage for patients with sarcomas of the extremities. He was responsible for the design and fabrication of the Fletcher-Suit Applicator used in some treatments of uterine and cervical cancer. In 1970, he accepted a position as chief of radiation oncology at the Massachusetts General Hospital and professor of radiation oncology at Harvard Medical School. In 2000, he stepped down from his chief post and has been active writing and teaching ever since.
# CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATION

## MAY 2011

**GERALD D. HINES COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**

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**Pre-Fall 2010 Catalogue**
Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under any catalogue prior to Fall 2010 will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last sixty-six (66) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.75 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.74 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.25 to 3.49 Cum Laude (with Honors)

**Fall 2010 Catalogue**
Undergraduate students who complete their degree requirements under the Fall 2010 catalogue will graduate with the stated academic honors if they achieve the following grade point averages earned in the last fifty-four (54) hours completed at the University of Houston.

- 3.90 to 4.0 Summa Cum Laude (with Highest Honors)
- 3.70 to 3.89 Magna Cum Laude (with High Honors)
- 3.50 to 3.69 Cum Laude (with Honors)

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**THE HONORS COLLEGE**

The Honors College at the University of Houston offers its students special opportunities to develop their academic abilities. Students who complete the Honors College curriculum (36 hours) and complete a senior honors thesis graduate with University Honors with Honors in Major, the highest distinction that an undergraduate can earn at the University of Houston. Students who complete the Honors College curriculum and elect not to complete a senior honors thesis graduate with University Honors.

Students graduate with Collegiate Honors either by fulfilling the requirements for the honors program in the college of their major, including 21 hours of honors courses; or by completing an Honors College minor; or by completing 21 hours of approved honors courses. If students also complete a senior honors thesis, they graduate with Collegiate Honors with Honors in Major.

Students who affiliate with the Honors College during their undergraduate years and complete fewer than 21 hours of honors courses graduate with Membership in the Honors College. If students also complete a senior honors thesis and fulfill the requirements of their major with distinction, they graduate with Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major.

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**GERALD D. HINES**
**COLLEGE OF ARCHITECTURE**

**University Honors with Honors in Major**
Jennifer Nicole Andreas Curtis
Farida Hany Farag
Verdin R. Jerome

**Honors in Major**
Angela Maria Ceron
Nicholas Clay Kosmas

**Membership in the Honors College**
Kera Elizabeth McMiller

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**C. T. BAUER COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

**University Honors with Honors in Major**
Amy Dawn Demmler
Benjamin Cohen-Kurzrock

**University Honors**
Melissa Conchetta Abney
Eman Patricia Arabi-Katbi
Brittany Marie Bruner
Andrew Robert Conachey
Leslie Frances Evans
Roxanne Hajikhan
Evan Bradley Leung
Charlene M. Nguyen
Ivette Fouad Mekdessi
Elizabeth Mai-Phuong Nguyen
Yen Nghi Lam Nguyen

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**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**University Honors with Honors in Major**
Qurrat-ul-ain Aziz

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Sylvia Novotny
Jessica Marie Perry
Karen Kristin Pfeifer
Adrian Noel Samaniego
Nupur Shah
Mohammed Bilal Siddiqui
Fernanda Soares
Daniel Grant Stidham
Sarayu Sundar
Zahra A. Usmani
Katherine Anne Welch
CULLEN COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Collegiate Honors
Kevin Shih

Honors in Major
Thai Vu Ngoc

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major
Jeison Palomino

Membership in the Honors College
Katherine Barta-Orscheln
Russell Lagrone

University Honors and Honors in Major
Geethanjali Vipulanandan

University Honors
Vlad Catoi
Robert Lumpkins
Andrea Mateos
Erik van Mook
Kevin Weaver

CONRAD N. HILTON COLLEGE OF HOTEL AND RESTAURANT MANAGEMENT

Collegiate Honors
Amie Gardner
Elizabeth Strickland
Imani Waterfield

Membership in the Honors College
Esther Kolokoff

University Honors
Jenna Howe

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

University Honors with Honors in Major
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John Grimmett
Jonathan Grisham
Andrew Hall
Robyn Kenkel-Mikelonis
Kristin Laymon
Kathryn Newman
Jose Perez
Vanessa Villarreal
John Woodward

University Honors
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Griselda Barba
Gregory Brusola
Sarah Callan
Sarah Choate
Katherine Dugat
Christopher Guevara
Dylan Hickey
Safina Hossain
Sarah Kerawala
Elizabeth Lawson
Erin McInturff
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Ivette Mekdessi
Naisha Modi
Sylvia Novotny
Keiisha-Anne Pillai
Steven Reiss
Brittany Stuhlmiller
Zarana Trivedi
Miko Tsubai
Savannah Yeager

Collegiate Major
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Galina Hodges
Jeffrey Homick
Hasan Khan
Charles Pritchett

Honors in Major
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Andrea Ellingsworth
Andrea Haller
Nathan Jensen
Suraya Khan
Luz Ochoa-Alejos
Aydin Yildirim

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major
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Wesley Buhler
Anna Sophia Fields
Edlin Galvan
Amber Hines
Justin Jenkins
Sasha Khalifeh
Meredith Lynch
Amanda Procter
Craig Vollert

Membership in the Honors College
Wesley Bray

University Honors
Chloe Delepine
Robert Hitchcock
Maria Rives
Adrian Rodriguez
Marina Rodriguez
Jennifer Smith
Austin Whaley

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Collegiate Honors
Anish Pillai

Honors in Major
Ezzedeen Alfataierge
Husam Almohamad
Zakari Kwota

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major
Imene Ben Afia
Yuribia Munoz

Membership in the Honors College
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Connie Chou
Najla Khan
Ashley Schilling

University Honors
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Loreto Loy Calaquian
Nika Cranmer
Neha Dixit
Andrew Hamilton
Tehmina Khawaja
Ian Mitchell
Shabana Momin
Adam Moore
Khoa Nguyen
Julian Oolut
William Rash
Dana Vowels

Membership in the Honors College with Honors in Major
James Chang
John Harger
Peter Lam
Matthew Reichl

COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY

Membership in the Honors College
Jessica Fletcher
Christopher Herranen

The roster of graduates and candidates for graduation does not include the names of those students who chose to withhold information under the Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act.
May 2011

Dear University of Houston Graduate,

You made it! Let me start by extending well-deserved congratulations to you and your family and friends who supported you during your time at UH. From this place and time, you will follow the path of more than 220,000 alumni who have walked before you as you pursue new professional and personal goals. In everything you do, in all that you will undoubtedly accomplish, your pride is shared by the entire UH alumni family.

Now, let’s make that pride official.

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the University of Houston Alumni Association, I encourage you to join the Alumni Association for only $20. That’s a special discounted rate (from $50) reserved only for new graduates. To join, visit www.HoustonAlumni.com.

Joining, however, is only the first step. We need alumni who are active, we need alumni who are involved, and we need alumni who take advantage of their many membership benefits: show up to one of our networking events and maybe find a new job or a new client; stop by the alumni tent before football games to enjoy free food and drink; submit a class note for publication in UH Alumni Quarterly; or use your membership card to purchase discounted tickets to events at the Moores School of Music. Also, as a new grad, you are entitled to short-term medical insurance discounts. We make it easy for you to be an activated Cougar.

It’s worth noting that your membership also helps UH achieve Tier One status. Alumni participation is one of the categories that the Higher Education Coordinating Board considers when issuing Tier One funding. So not only will you receive the many membership perks, but you’ll also help put dollars in the university’s pocket—dollars to fund scholarships, dollars to hire exceptional faculty, and dollars to upgrade the image and face of our institution.

Allow me to leave you with this parting advice: keep your Cougar connection strong! Whether your destiny takes you around the corner or around the world, always remember that you’re a Cougar, and always show it. UHAA membership is one of the best ways to do that, and we promise to make you as proud of your alma mater as we already are proud of you.

With best wishes,

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